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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR PINT ET US

SUBJ: RELEASE OF PRISONERS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 9790

1. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SEVERAL SOURCES, ONE ETHIOPIAN, ONE DIPLOMATIC, AND REUTERS REPORTER, HAVE COMMENTED ON AND BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF EMBASSY OFFICERS RUMOR APPARENTLY CIRCULATING CAPITAL THAT RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS (REFTEL) WAS IN SOME WAY RESULT OF SENATE HEARINGS ON ETHIOPIA AND/OR US DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON EPMG.

2. LINE WE HAVE TAKEN WITH ALL SUCH INQUIRIES, (CITING LAST YEAR'S PRECEDENT), IS THAT PRISONER RELEASE, SO FAR AS WE KNOW, IS RESULT OF EPMG DECISION MADE FOR THEIR OWN REASON, THAT IT MAY BE RELATED APPROACHING SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION, AND THAT WHILE SENATE HEARINGS DID BRING OUT IN SOME DETAIL US VIEWS ON ETHIOPIA, (PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE AVAILABLE HERE HAS CARRIED PRESS ACCOUNTS OF HEARINGS) WE HAVE NO INDICA-

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